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INTRODUCTION

This publication, released annually, contains statewide estimates of acreage, yield, production, prices and value of production for all major field crops grown in the State. The period covered for these crops is from 1972 through 1976. County data for the important producing counties which grow corn, wheat, soybeans, peanuts, cotton and tobacco are published for the years 1974, 1975 and 1976. The complete series of crop estimates for the State are available upon request.

Crop estimates are designed to help Florida farmers, bankers, credit organizations, research workers and others in agriculture keep abreast of current changes and appraise future needs in the light of past experiences. The estimates represent a part of the Department's continuing program to provide comprehensive data for the various segments of agriculture.

SUMMARY 1976 SEASON

Temperatures during the early part of the year averaged slightly below normal while rainfall was more variable with north and west Florida receiving the heaviest amounts during January and March, and south Florida receiving heavy amounts during late February. The spring months followed the usual pattern with the south and central areas generally dry, but in the north and west soil moisture was mostly adequate. Planting of field crops got underway earlier than usual. Crops made good progress during the growing season. Weather was generally favorable, although there was a cool spell in the Panhandle at the end of March. Harvest of early planted crops had started by early summer. Crop harvest made excellent progress during late summer and harvest was complete for most early planted crops by late fall. Soybean harvest continued into December. Sugarcane harvest was started in the early fall and was in full swing by early December. The past season was a good year for most field crops. Record yields were made for corn and tobacco. The average yield per acre for other field crops was good.

The total acreage planted to corn was up sharply from recent years and the largest acreage since 1955. Total acreage harvested for grain was the largest since 1946. The average yield was a record 60 bushels per acre, exceeding the previous record set in 1967 by 10 bushels. Price for corn averaged \$2.60 per bushel, slightly lower than the 1975 season. Due to the sharp increase in production, the value of the 1976 corn crop was a record \$78,624,000, nearly 25 percent above the previous record set in 1974.

Total acreage of sugarcane harvested for sugar and seed continued to increase and exceeded 300,000 acres for the first time in history. Acreage harvested for sugar and seed totaled 306,000 acres, 3 percent above last year's record of 298,000 acres. Average yield per acre was 33.5 tons, down 2.4 tons from the year before. Production and yields were reduced by the January freeze. Cane production for sugar and seed was 10,251,000 tons, down 4 percent from 1975. The season average price was down 25 percent from the 1975-76 season and the lowest price since 1974. Value of

production for the total crop, including seed, was \$152,740,000 --28 percent less than the previous season. The value of production for sugar only was \$147,793,000 compared to \$203,227,000 the year before.

The acreage planted to soybeans was down 11 percent from the previous year. This reversed the continued upward trend of the last 17 years. The area harvested for beans totaled 265,000 acres, down 10 percent from the 295,000 acres harvested in 1975. The average yield per acre was 26 bushels, up two bushels from 1975. Prices were above 1975 and averaged \$7.00 per bushel for the season. This was an increase of \$2.60 over the 1975 crop but 30 cents less than the record high price of 1974. Value of production totaled \$48,230,000--up nearly 55 percent from 1975 but 12 percent below the record \$55 million in 1974.

Hay production totaled 427,000 tons, a new record for the State. Total area harvested was 219,000 acres, an increase of 6 percent from a year earlier. Yield per acre at 1.95 tons remained unchanged from 1975. The season average price at \$56.00 per ton was \$2.00 more than 1975 but the same as 1974. Production of all hay was valued at \$23,912,000, a record for the State. This was an increase of nearly 10 percent over last year and 3 percent more than the previous record of \$23,184,000 produced in 1974.

Total cotton acreage planted was 7,400 acres, up sharply from the 1975 season. The total acreage harvested was 7,100 acres. In 1976 the average yield was 514 pounds per acre, up 49 percent from 1975. Price per pound improved considerably in 1976 with an average of 72.9 cents, compared to 55 cents the year before. The value of production was \$2,659,000, nearly four times the value of the 1975 crop. Santa Rosa County continues to dominate cotton production in the State.

Total acreage planted to peanuts held steady at 63,000 acres. The area harvested for dry peanuts totaled 55,000 acres, the same as 1975. The remaining 8,000 acres were harvested as green peanuts and for other purposes. Yield at 3,000 pounds per acre was down from the last two years. The average price continued the upward trend and averaged \$408.00 per ton for all peanuts sold dry in the shell. Value of the crop at \$33,660,000 was down slightly from the year before.

The acreage of flue-cured tobacco harvested in 1976 totaled 14,000 acres--up 500 acres from 1975 and the largest acreage harvested since 1963. Yield per acre averaged a record 2,160 pounds. Total production was 30,240,000 pounds, also a record. The average price for the year was \$1.095 per pound, the highest average ever for flue-cured tobacco. The value of production was a record \$33,113,000--up nearly 20 percent from 1975. Shade tobacco acreage totaled only 350 acres, including a small amount grown in Georgia, the smallest acreage ever planted since records were started in 1919. The yield averaged 1,680 pounds with a total production of only 588,000 pounds. The average price was \$3.00 per pound and the total value was \$2,323,000, almost two-thirds less than 1975.

FLORIDA: Acreage, yield, production and value of field crops, 1972-1976 1/

Crop and year	Planted acres	Harvested acres	Yield per acre	Unit	Production	Season avg. price	Value of production
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Units		1,000 units	Dollars	1,000 dollars
Corn for grain							
1972	365	307	46	Bu.	14,122	1.39	19,630
1973	400	340	43	Bu.	14,620	2.55	37,281
1974	452	398	48	Bu.	19,104	3.30	63,043
1975	464	394	45	Bu.	17,730	2.70	47,871
1976	571	504	60	Bu.	30,240	2.60	78,624
Cotton 2/							
1972	12.5	11.3	572	Lbs.	13.5	.2870	1,855
1973	12.6	11.5	522	Lbs.	12.5	.5100	3,063
1974	12.5	12.1	503	Lbs.	12.7	.3900	2,374
1975	4.0	3.7	346	Lbs.	2.7	.5500	713
1976	7.4	7.1	514	Lbs.	7.6	.7290	2,659
Cottonseed							
1972	---	---	---	Tons	6.0	44.00	264
1973	---	---	---	Tons	5.0	92.00	460
1974	---	---	---	Tons	5.3	127.00	673
1975	---	---	---	Tons	1.1	79.00	87
1976	---	---	---	Tons	2.8	116.00	325
Hay, All							
1972	---	183	1.70	Tons	311	37.00	11,507
1973	---	188	1.95	Tons	367	43.50	15,965
1974	---	197	2.10	Tons	414	56.00	23,184
1975	---	207	1.95	Tons	404	54.00	21,816
1976	---	219	1.95	Tons	427	56.00	23,912
Oats							
1972	31	13	32	Bu.	416	.70	291
1973	32	11	38	Bu.	418	1.30	543
1974	33	12	35	Bu.	420	1.35	567
1975	31	12	41	Bu.	492	1.40	689
1976	33	12	50	Bu.	600	1.40	840
Peanuts							
1972	71	54	2,550	Lbs.	137,700	.146	20,104
1973	68	55	2,735	Lbs.	150,425	.164	24,670
1974	66	55	3,100	Lbs.	170,500	.180	30,690
1975	63	55	3,230	Lbs.	177,650	.199	35,352
1976	63	55	3,000	Lbs.	165,000	.204	33,660

1/ All 1976 estimates are preliminary. 2/ Production in bales - price per lb.

FLORIDA: Acreage, yield, production and value of field crops, 1972-1976 ^{1/}

Crop and year	Planted acres	Harvested acres	Yield per acre	Unit	Production	Season avg. price	Value of production
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Units		1,000 units	Dollars	1,000 dollars
Soybeans							
1972	238	232	21	Bu.	4,872	3.60	17,539
1973	262	254	24	Bu.	6,096	5.65	34,442
1974	285	279	27	Bu.	7,533	7.30	54,991
1975	305	295	24	Bu.	7,080	4.40	31,152
1976	271	265	26	Bu.	6,890	7.00	48,230
Sugarcane ^{2/}							
1972	---	249.6	38.1	Tons	9,509	12.90	122,666
1973	---	265.6	31.4	Tons	8,340	26.40	220,176
1974	---	273.3	27.8	Tons	7,598	46.50	353,307
1975	---	298.0	35.9	Tons	10,698	19.80	211,820
1976	---	306.0	33.5	Tons	10,251	14.90	152,740
Tobacco							
Flue-cured 14							
1972	---	10.1	1,960	Lbs.	19,796	.853	16,886
1973	---	11.6	1,810	Lbs.	20,996	.880	18,476
1974	---	11.7	2,145	Lbs.	25,097	1.010	25,348
1975	---	13.5	2,080	Lbs.	28,080	.975	27,641
1976	---	14.0	2,160	Lbs.	30,240	1.095	33,113
Shade, Fla. 62							
1972	---	2.40	1,530	Lbs.	3,672	2.80	10,282
1973	---	2.10	1,430	Lbs.	3,003	3.50	10,511
1974	---	1.57	1,725	Lbs.	2,708	3.80	10,290
1975	---	.99	1,530	Lbs.	1,515	4.00	6,060
1976 ^{3/}	---	.35	1,680	Lbs.	588	3.95	2,323
Shade, Ga. & Fla.							
1972	---	3.1	1,517	Lbs.	4,628	2.80	12,959
1973	---	2.6	1,413	Lbs.	3,716	3.50	13,007
1974	---	1.9	1,724	Lbs.	3,190	3.80	12,122
1975	---	1.1	1,556	Lbs.	1,743	4.00	6,972
1976	---	.35	1,680	Lbs.	588	3.95	2,323
Wheat							
1972	70	42	15	Bu.	630	1.30	819
1973	55	30	22	Bu.	660	2.60	1,716
1974	52	30	20	Bu.	600	3.80	2,280
1975	40	20	26	Bu.	520	3.10	1,612
1976	30	22	30	Bu.	660	3.00	1,980

^{1/} All 1976 estimates are preliminary. ^{2/} For sugar and seed. ^{3/} Includes Georgia.

Corn: Acreage harvested for grain, yield and production, by county, Florida, 1974-1976

District and county	Acres harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976
	Acres			Bushels			Bushels		
DISTRICT I - West									
Bay	300	300	600	40	50	60	12,000	15,000	36,000
Calhoun	8,500	8,500	13,000	40	48	70	340,000	408,000	910,000
Escambia	8,500	10,000	12,000	80	86	110	680,000	860,000	1,320,000
Gadsden	13,000	14,000	18,000	63	50	73	819,000	700,000	1,314,000
Holmes	16,000	14,000	22,000	40	36	55	640,000	504,000	1,210,000
Jackson	50,000	48,000	61,000	39	38	58	1,950,000	1,824,000	3,538,000
Jefferson	16,000	16,000	23,000	52	45	66	832,000	720,000	1,518,000
Leon	6,500	7,000	11,000	52	48	89	338,000	336,000	979,000
Liberty	800	800	1,500	40	40	60	32,000	32,000	90,000
Okaloosa	6,000	7,000	11,000	57	55	95	342,000	385,000	1,045,000
Santa Rosa	10,000	11,000	18,000	66	75	95	660,000	825,000	1,710,000
Wakulla	700	800	3,500	40	40	50	28,000	32,000	175,000
Walton	15,000	12,000	24,000	51	40	57	765,000	480,000	1,368,000
Washington	8,500	8,000	15,000	46	35	61	391,000	280,000	915,000
Other	1,200	1,600	2,400	50	45	65	60,000	72,000	156,000
Total	161,000	159,000	236,000	49.0	47.0	69.0	7,889,000	7,473,000	16,284,000
DISTRICT III - North									
Baker	2,600	2,500	3,000	45	40	56	117,000	100,000	168,000
Columbia	27,000	27,000	31,000	52	40	49	1,404,000	1,080,000	1,519,000
Dixie	1,600	1,800	2,500	50	45	48	80,000	81,000	120,000
Duval	300	200	500	40	45	48	12,000	9,000	24,000
Hamilton	25,000	27,000	29,000	53	64	52	1,325,000	1,728,000	1,508,000
Lafayette	8,000	9,000	11,000	48	35	52	384,000	315,000	572,000
Madison	28,000	27,000	32,000	44	47	50	1,232,000	1,269,000	1,600,000
Nassau	800	700	1,000	45	40	59	36,000	28,000	59,000
Suwannee	53,000	53,000	66,000	46	39	49	2,438,000	2,067,000	3,234,000
Taylor	700	800	1,000	40	35	46	28,000	28,000	46,000
Total	147,000	149,000	177,000	48.0	45.0	50.0	7,056,000	6,705,000	8,850,000
DISTRICT V - Central									
Alachua	25,000	24,000	27,000	45	36	60	1,125,000	864,000	1,620,000
Bradford	1,300	1,200	1,500	60	35	54	78,000	42,000	81,000
Flagler	200	300	400	50	50	55	10,000	15,000	22,000
Gilchrist	19,000	20,000	21,000	39	40	43	741,000	800,000	903,000
Levy	9,000	9,500	10,000	41	38	68	369,000	361,000	680,000
Marion	7,000	7,500	7,200	50	46	50	350,000	345,000	360,000
Orange	300	300	400	45	40	50	13,500	12,000	20,000
Putnam	1,000	1,100	1,200	55	40	80	55,000	44,000	96,000
St. Johns	1,100	1,600	1,500	55	50	100	60,500	80,000	150,000
Sumter	500	500	800	45	36	65	22,500	18,000	52,000
Union	4,500	4,700	5,000	47	40	58	211,500	188,000	290,000
Other	1,100	1,300	2,000	40	30	47	44,000	39,000	94,000
Total	70,000	72,000	78,000	44.0	39.0	56.0	3,080,000	2,808,000	4,368,000
DISTRICT VIII - South									
Total	20,000	14,000	13,000	54.0	53.1	57.0	1,079,000	744,000	738,000
STATE TOTAL	398,000	394,000	504,000	48.0	45.0	60.0	19,104,000	17,730,000	30,240,000

Soybeans: Acreage harvested for beans, yield and production, by county, Florida, 1974-1976

District and county	Acres harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976
	Acres			Bushels			Bushels		
DISTRICT I - West									
Calhoun	19,800	21,900	19,900	26	25	26	514,800	547,500	517,400
Escambia	46,100	46,300	37,500	32	31	30	1,475,200	1,435,300	1,125,000
Gadsden	6,800	7,900	7,900	26	19	22	176,800	150,100	173,800
Holmes	6,800	8,500	6,900	23	19	27	156,400	161,500	186,300
Jackson	34,500	36,500	30,500	28	24	21	966,000	876,000	640,500
Jefferson	4,800	5,800	5,900	25	26	27	120,000	150,800	159,300
Leon	1,400	1,900	1,900	22	24	25	30,800	45,600	47,500
Liberty	2,400	2,900	2,900	20	24	25	48,000	69,600	72,500
Okaloosa	21,700	23,000	19,800	29	20	28	629,300	460,000	554,400
Santa Rosa	46,500	46,200	37,800	28	26	27	1,302,000	1,201,200	1,020,600
Washington	8,400	8,500	8,900	29	16	26	243,600	136,000	231,400
Other	56,800	58,600	50,100	24.2	20.5	25.0	1,377,100	1,198,400	1,251,300
Total	256,000	268,000	230,000	27.5	24.0	26.0	7,040,000	6,432,000	5,980,000
DISTRICT III - North	9,000	11,000	15,000	22.0	25.0	23.0	198,000	275,000	345,000
DISTRICT V - Central	13,000	14,000	17,000	21.0	23.0	29.0	273,000	322,000	493,000
DISTRICT VIII - South	1,000	2,000	3,000	22.0	25.5	24.0	22,000	51,000	72,000
STATE TOTAL	279,000	295,000	265,000	27.0	24.0	26.0	7,533,000	7,080,000	6,890,000

Wheat: Acreage harvested for grain, yield and production, by county, Florida, 1974-1976

District and county	Acres harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976
	Acres			Bushels			Bushels		
DISTRICT I - West									
Calhoun	1,000	1,000	1,100	20	24	28	20,000	24,000	30,800
Escambia	5,600	5,500	7,200	22	28	33	123,200	154,000	237,600
Gadsden	1,800	1,700	1,900	19	24	28	34,200	40,800	53,200
Jackson	4,400	2,500	2,500	21	26	27	92,400	65,000	67,500
Jefferson	300	300	300	20	20	26	6,000	6,000	7,800
Okaloosa	3,300	2,500	2,600	20	24	31	66,000	60,000	80,600
Santa Rosa	3,300	3,000	3,100	22	28	30	72,600	84,000	93,000
Other	7,300	2,100	1,900	15.4	23.7	25.0	112,100	49,800	47,500
Total	27,000	18,600	20,600	19.5	26.0	30.0	526,500	483,600	618,000
DISTRICT III - North									
Madison	1,400	700	600	24	26	31	33,600	18,200	18,600
Other	1,100	500	500	24	26	29	26,400	13,000	14,400
Total	2,500	1,200	1,100	24.0	26.0	30.0	60,000	31,200	33,000
DISTRICT V - Central	500	200	300	27.0	26.0	30.0	13,500	5,200	9,000
STATE TOTAL	30,000	20,000	22,000	20.0	26.0	30.0	600,000	520,000	660,000

Peanuts: Acreage harvested, yield and production, by county, Florida, 1974-1976

District and county	Acres harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976
	Acres			Pounds			Pounds		
DISTRICT I - West									
Calhoun	2,210	2,210	2,210	3,460	3,440	3,710	7,647,000	7,602,000	8,199,000
Escambia	45	45	45	3,600	2,740	2,290	162,000	123,000	103,000
Gadsden	840	860	900	3,110	2,880	3,040	2,612,000	2,477,000	2,736,000
Holmes	3,500	3,500	3,650	2,780	2,810	2,760	9,730,000	9,835,000	10,074,000
Jackson	27,100	27,150	27,470	2,870	3,180	2,820	77,777,000	86,337,000	77,465,000
Jefferson	1,330	1,300	1,100	3,100	3,360	2,630	4,123,000	4,368,000	2,893,000
Leon	265	265	270	3,230	2,910	2,820	856,000	771,000	761,000
Okaloosa	585	590	615	3,140	2,570	2,690	1,837,000	1,516,000	1,654,000
Santa Rosa	5,800	5,800	5,770	3,310	3,450	2,820	19,198,000	20,010,000	16,271,000
Wakulla	545	550	485	2,410	2,350	2,640	1,313,000	1,293,000	1,280,000
Walton	1,500	1,470	1,510	2,950	2,590	2,550	4,425,000	3,807,000	3,850,000
Washington	930	920	925	3,150	3,180	3,590	2,930,000	2,926,000	3,321,000
Total	44,650	44,660	44,950	2,970	3,160	2,861	132,610,000	141,065,000	128,607,000
DISTRICT III - North									
Columbia	675	670	725	3,570	3,350	2,620	2,410,000	2,245,000	1,900,000
Dixie	30	40	45	1,960	2,850	3,620	59,000	114,000	118,000
Hamilton	120	125	130	3,060	2,570	2,050	367,000	321,000	267,000
Lafayette	170	170	180	2,500	3,160	3,500	425,000	537,000	630,000
Madison	255	255	250	3,290	3,620	2,910	839,000	923,000	728,000
Suwannee	1,520	1,380	1,410	3,280	3,150	2,790	4,986,000	4,347,000	3,934,000
Total	2,770	2,640	2,740	3,280	3,215	2,765	9,086,000	8,487,000	7,577,000
DISTRICT V - Central									
Alachua	1,640	1,700	1,710	3,500	3,310	3,610	5,740,000	5,627,000	6,173,000
Gilchrist	400	410	420	2,870	2,680	3,430	1,148,000	1,099,000	1,441,000
Levy	2,720	2,840	2,870	4,480	4,320	4,490	12,186,000	12,269,000	12,886,000
Marion	2,820	2,750	2,310	3,450	3,310	3,600	9,730,000	9,103,000	8,316,000
Total	7,580	7,700	7,310	3,800	3,650	3,942	28,804,000	28,098,000	28,816,000
STATE TOTAL	55,000	55,000	55,000	3,100	3,230	3,000	170,500,000	177,650,000	165,000,000

Tobacco, flue-cured, type 14: Acreage, yield and production, by county, Florida 1974-1976

District and county	Acres harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976
	Acres			Pounds			Pounds		
DISTRICT I - West									
Gadsden	186	200	220	1,615	1,720	1,950	330,400	344,000	429,000
Holmes	47	52	55	1,760	1,435	1,630	82,700	74,500	89,700
Jackson	138	160	175	1,855	1,470	1,700	256,000	235,200	297,500
Jefferson	275	300	310	1,935	1,665	2,000	532,100	499,500	620,000
Leon	32	36	38	1,385	995	1,120	44,300	35,800	42,600
Liberty	2	2	2	450	500	600	900	1,000	1,200
Total	680	750	800	1,789	1,587	1,850	1,216,400	1,190,000	1,480,000
DISTRICT III - North									
Baker	152	180	185	1,725	1,825	1,850	262,200	328,500	342,300
Columbia	1,330	1,540	1,590	1,935	1,900	1,950	2,573,500	2,926,000	3,100,500
Dixie	73	90	95	2,850	2,730	2,700	208,000	245,700	256,500
Hamilton	1,800	2,100	2,150	2,280	2,165	2,200	4,104,000	4,547,000	4,730,000
Lafayette	834	960	990	2,745	2,785	2,800	2,289,300	2,674,000	2,772,000
Madison	1,490	1,720	1,770	2,060	1,880	1,900	3,069,400	3,234,000	3,363,000
Nassau	37	40	45	1,960	2,100	2,120	72,500	84,000	95,400
Suwannee	2,770	3,250	3,350	2,340	2,275	2,300	6,482,900	7,394,000	7,705,000
Taylor	204	220	225	2,320	2,290	2,290	473,300	503,800	515,300
Total	8,690	10,100	10,400	2,248	2,172	2,200	19,535,100	21,937,000	22,880,000
DISTRICT V - Central									
Alachua	1,395	1,600	1,710	1,925	1,910	2,150	2,687,200	3,056,000	3,676,500
Bradford	88	85	90	1,755	1,160	1,400	154,500	98,600	126,000
Gilchrist	275	300	320	2,125	2,110	2,300	584,900	633,000	736,000
Levy	109	115	120	1,600	1,610	1,810	174,400	185,200	217,200
Marion	16	20	20	1,645	1,710	1,945	26,300	34,200	38,900
Sumter	47	55	60	765	920	1,050	36,000	50,600	63,000
Union	400	475	480	1,705	1,885	2,130	682,200	895,400	1,022,400
Total	2,330	2,650	2,800	1,865	1,869	2,100	4,345,500	4,953,000	5,880,000
STATE TOTAL	11,700	13,500	14,000	2,145	2,080	2,160	25,097,000	28,080,000	30,240,000

Cotton: Acreage, yield and production, by county, Florida, 1974-1976

County	Harvested acres			Yield per acre			Production		
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976
	Acres			Pounds			Bales		
Escambia	370	1/	1/	640	---	---	494	---	---
Jackson	308	1/	1/	503	---	---	323	---	---
Santa Rosa	10,760	3,230	6,510	503	357	516	11,285	2,402	7,003
Washington	100	1/	1/	647	---	---	135	---	---
Other	562	470	590	398	304	486	463	298	597
STATE TOTAL	12,100	3,700	7,100	503	350	514	12,700	2,700	7,600

1/ included in other.

Sugarcane: Acreage, yield and production, by county, Florida, 1975-76 1/

County	Harvested acres		Yield per acre		Production	
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
	Acres		Tons		Tons	
Glades	16,000	18,000	31.0	29.0	496,000	522,000
Hendry	48,600	51,000	34.0	32.6	1,654,000	1,663,000
Martin	2,900	3,000	29.0	28.0	84,000	84,000
Palm Beach	220,000	225,000	36.5	34.0	8,030,000	7,650,000
STATE TOTAL	287,500	297,000	35.7	33.5	10,264,000	9,919,000

1/ Cane for sugar only.